Logos - Λόγος
“The Word”
MGOCSM UAE ZONAL E-NEWSLETTER

Dear Readers in Christ,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MGOCSM UAE Zonal has come to its 5th year of Zonal formation. It gives me immense happiness and joy to release the first MGOCSM Zonal E-newsletter named ‘LOGOS’. This publication will highlight and project the tremendous potential of our students and youngsters who are working hard for the development of our student’s organization. As Rabindranath Tagore mentions, “Age considers; youth ventures.” MGOCSM UAE Zonal Students and youngsters of the Indian Orthodox Church are setting an example in every conduct.

This humble publication is a brainchild of these hardworking MGOCSM members. I’d like to thank everyone associated with this work for praying and making this publication a reality.

May the Intercession of Parumala Thirumeni be a fortress to us all.

With prayerful regards,

Saju Achen
MGOCSM UAE Zone President

MGOCSM UAE Zonal Activities conducted between February – June 2017

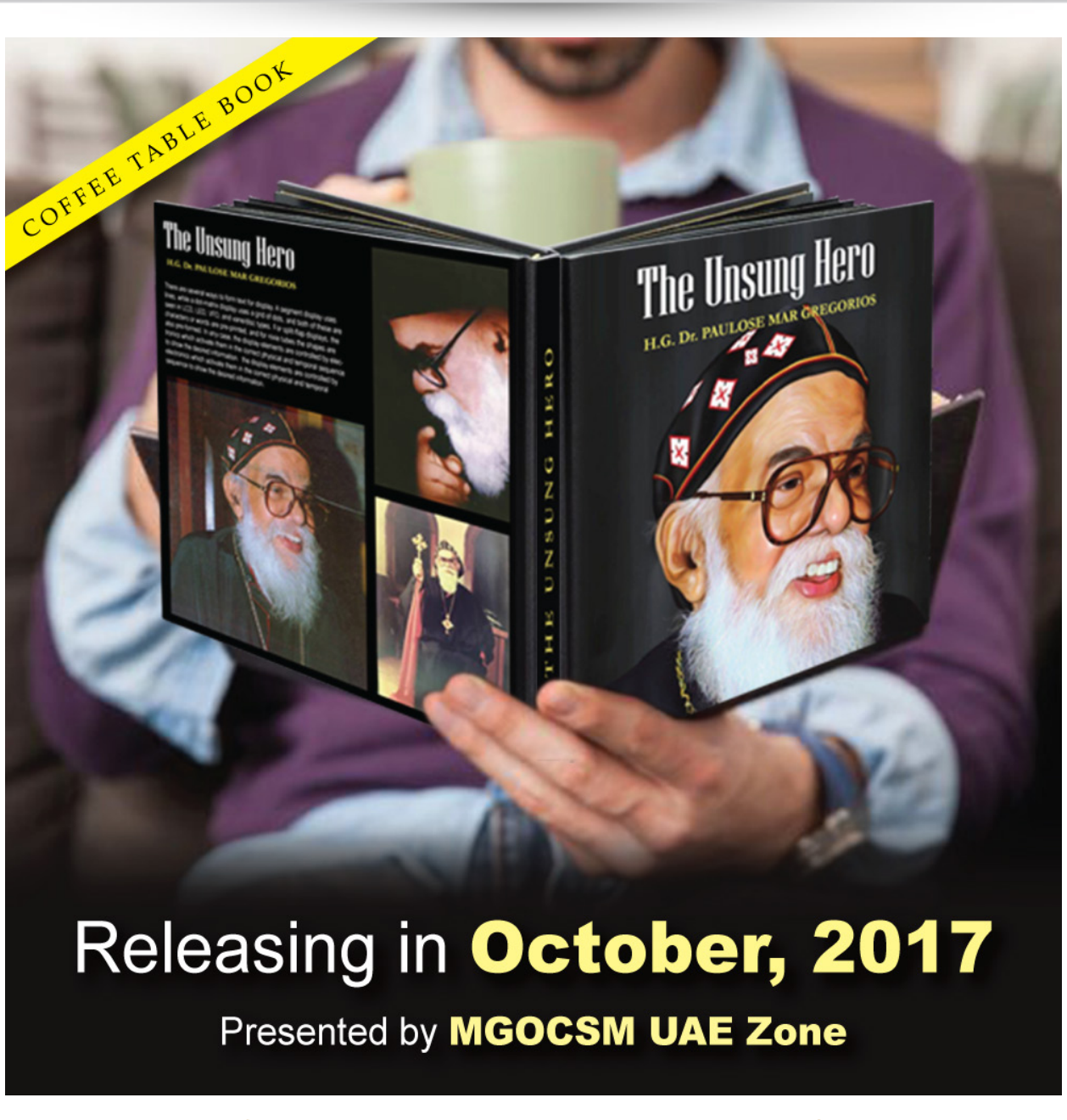
MGOCSM Zonal Inauguration for 2017 was done at St.Gregorios Orthodox Church, Sharjah by H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos on February 17, 2017.

Career Counselling session conducted on February 17, 2017 by Mrs. Susan Koruth

Filanthropia - As a mark of harmony and solidarity with our fellow brethren’s, 200 Iftar kits were distributed in Al Qouz Labor camp and 100 Iftar kits at Al Sajja Labor camp.

Jebel Ali unit visit by MGOCSM zonal

Upcoming MGOCSM Zonal Activities in 2017



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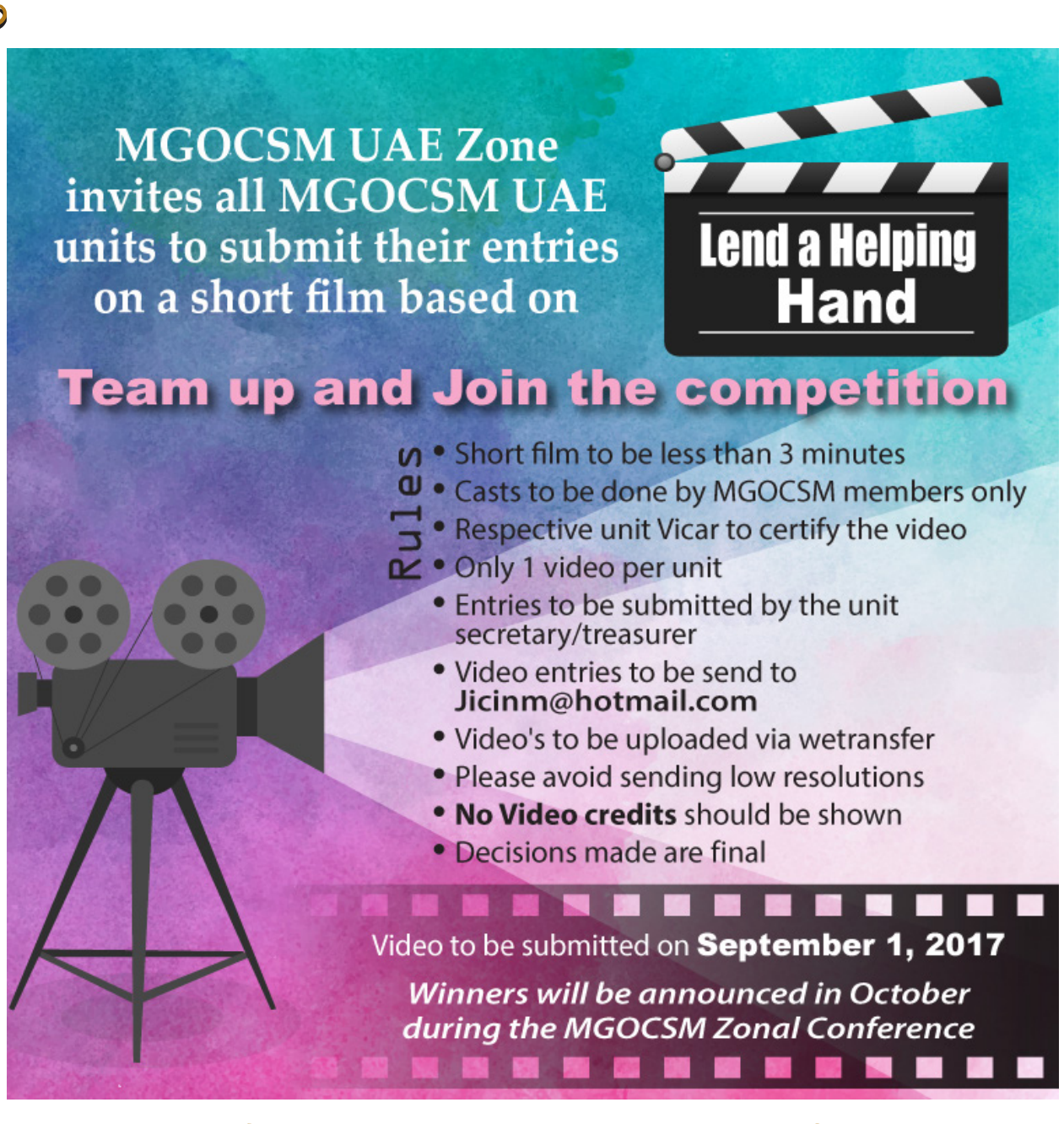


MGOCSM UAE Zone invites all MGOCSM UAE units to submit their entries on a short film based on

Lend a Helping Hand

Team up and Join the competition

Rules
- Short film to be less than 3 minutes
- Casts to be done by MGOCSM members only
- Respective unit Vicar to certify the video
- Only 1 video per unit
- Entries to be submitted by the unit secretary/treasurer
- Video entries to be send to **Jicinm@hotmail.com**
- Video's to be uploaded via wetransfer
- Please avoid sending low resolutions
- **No Video credits** should be shown
- Decisions made are final

Video to be submitted on **September 1, 2017**

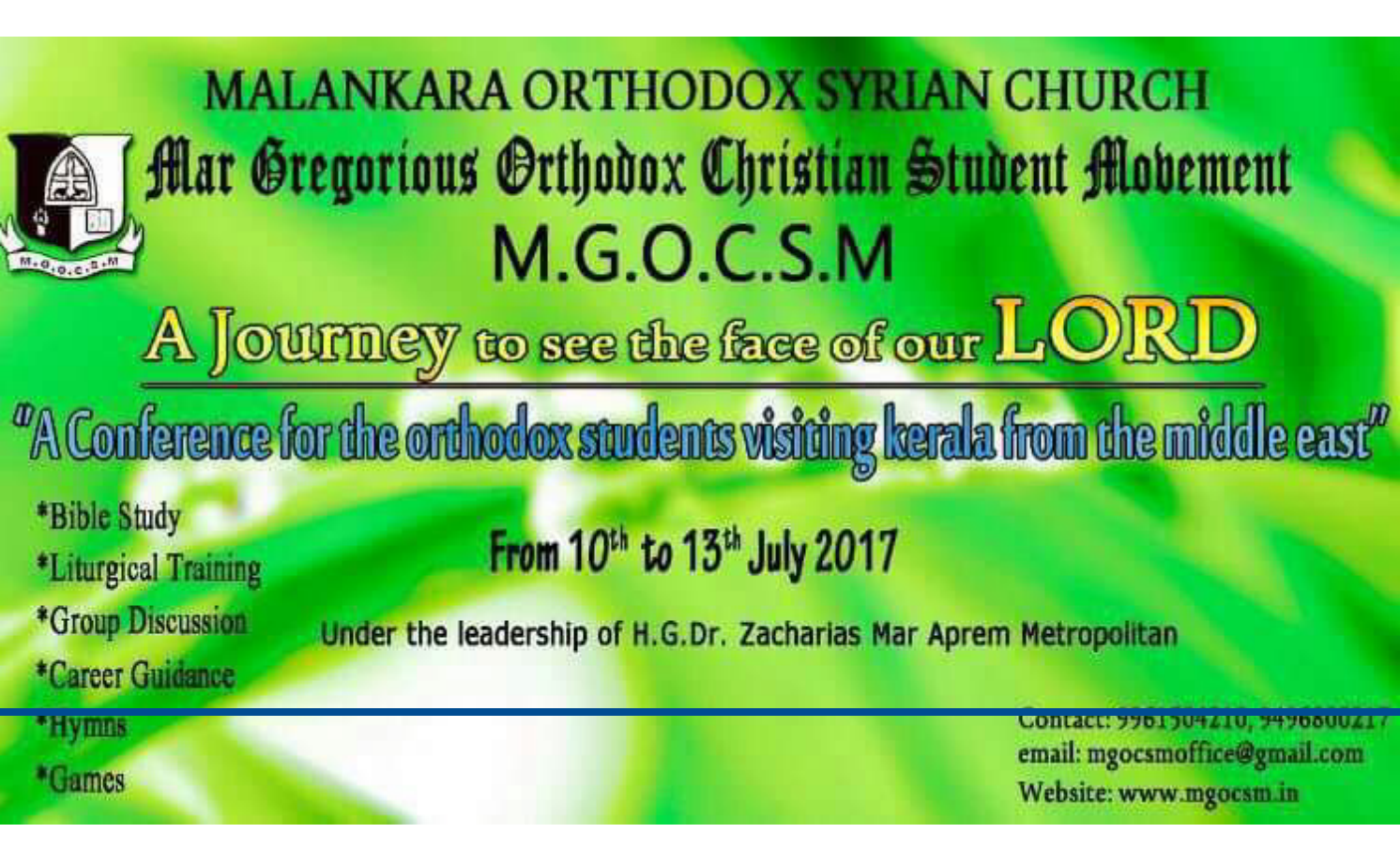
Winners will be announced in October during the MGOCSM Zonal Conference

Talents Day in September
at St. Mary’s Orthodox Church, Ras Al Khaimah

Christmas Get-together
at St.Gregorios Orthodox Church, Sharjah on December 2, 2017

Save the date
MGOCSM Zonal Conference

on October 13, 2017
@ St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Dubai
Time: 12:00 – 20:30



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Mar Gregorious Orthodox Christian Student Movement
M.G.O.C.S.M
A Journey to see the face of our LORD
“A Conference for the orthodox students visiting kerala from the middle east”

- *Bible Study
- *Liturgical Training
- *Group Discussion
- *Career Guidance
- *Hymns
- *Games

From 10th to 13th July 2017

Under the leadership of H.G.Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem Metropolitan

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Best Wishes from MGOCSM UAE Zonal to the newly elected MGOCSM President

H.G. Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem

Unit Reports conducted between January – June 2017

Abu Dhabi Unit

- Book Collection – Campaign to collect school books. A stall was kept for used books and distributed freely to students who could not afford the same.
- Clean my Church – Campaign to clean the litter after each programme. Special attention was bought to the campaign when the same was done after Good Friday Service.
- Parumala Thirumeni Intercessory Prayer book - In order to increase the participation of our students for the Madhyasta Prarthana conducted every Wednesday in Church, a book was released by translating the Malayalam Prayer book to Manglish

Al Ain Unit

- 25 members active for the regular meeting
- AED 1,000 generated to sponsor a student
- Clean my Church initiative

Dubai Unit

- Unit inauguration conducted on Jan 6, 2017
- Unit Visit to MGOCSM Ras Al Khaimah church. The members of Ras Al Khaimah were kind enough to organize a tour to the nearby churches which included, St Mary's & Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church, Ras Al Khaimah and St Anthony of Padua Church, Ras Al Khaimah
- Exam Counselling Session and House Visits – Around 50 students attended the session
- Great Lent Lectionary - Lectionary included the special readings for the Great Lent and a Thought for each day of the Lent.
- Fur’hoyo Damshiho- The Journey of Christ - This Musical Journey depicting the life of Jesus Christ from Womb to Tomb was held on the 17th of March, 2017.
- Sh’himo Namaskaaram Project - The uniqueness of this Namaskaaram book is that it’s three in one and consists of Malayalam, English and Malayalam- English Transliteration.
- Participation for OVBS 2017
- Skip a Meal Programme (Charity Initiative) - choosing to forego one meal of the day and donate that equivalent cost to the organization for charity.
- Catholicate Day Celebrations - participating in the procession holding placards and displaying the seven “and a half” churches established by St. Thomas in Malabar
- Holy week Participation - Members made small cones with flowers which were distributed to the children to be offered for the service. Members also setup a counter on Good Friday (14th April, 2017) to serve gruel exclusively to the elderly members of the church.
- Mother’s Day Celebration - musical skit was performed by the members of MGOCSM on the 19th of May, 2017 highlighting the significant role of a mother in a child’s life.
- H20 Season III (Home to Orthodoxy) - 4 days Summer camp conducted in June

Jebel Ali Unit

- Regular meetings conducted every 3rd Friday
- Blog created for the students – mgocsmjebelali.wixsite.com/blogsite
- Charity drive

Ras Al Khaimah Unit

- Unit inauguration conducted on April 22, 2017
- Regular meetings conducted every Friday
- A Get together and welcoming of new members to MGOCSM was conducted in June

Sharjah Unit

- Unit inauguration conducted on January 27, 2017
- Monthly meetings containing interactive sessions, biblical classes, activities, quiz and song sessions were conducted.
- The MGOCSM Bulletin, Scroll were distributed to the members.
- Month of February was declared as the - “Self-dedication” month.
- Exam Counselling Session and House Visits – Around 50 students attended the session
- Farewell meet for the outgoing students
- Membership campaign conducted
- Month of March was declared as the – ‘Self Denial’ month
- Month of April was declared as the – ‘Self Service’ month
- Annual Conference conducted in April
- Month of May was declared as the – ‘Self Motivational’ month
- A monthly meeting mainly including the senior members, was held in the month of May
- Guide Exchange Programme - Students studying in various classes exchanged their previously used study reference guides. Students gave up their previously used guides in exchange for the new ones which they received from their seniors.
- Month of June was declared as the – ‘Good Samaritan’ month
- A sapling was planted with respect to the world Earth day
- Clean my Church initiative

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